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Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons

The Commission for Social Development

Recalling General Assembly resolution 54/24 of 10 November 1999 on the "Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: a society for all ages",

Recalling also resolution 37/2 adopted by the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-seventh session,

Bearing in mind that General Assembly resolution 54/24 has entrusted the Commission for Social Development with the revision of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and the elaboration of a long-term strategy on ageing for 2002,

1. *Decides* to establish an in-session open-ended working group of the Commission for Social Development, during its thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions in 2001 and 2002, devoted to the revision of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and the elaboration of a long-term strategy on ageing for presentation to the second World Assembly on Ageing;

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2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the Commission at its thirty-ninth session, in an integrated way, a first draft of a long-term strategy on ageing and a draft revised plan of action, as requested by General Assembly resolution 54/24;

3. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council extend until 2002 the mandate of the Consultative Group of the Commission for Social Development for the preparation for the International Year of Older Persons, in order to serve as a forum for exchanging views on the preparations for the second World Assembly on Ageing as a follow-up activity to the International Year;

4. *Decides* to postpone the fifth review and appraisal of the International Plan of Action until finalization of the activities for the revision of the Plan and the elaboration of the long-term strategy on ageing.